

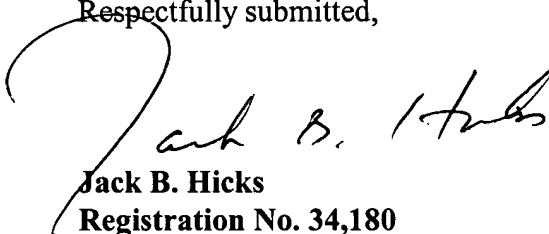
portion and said interior sill, said first and second dams forming a barrier against migration of water from said sills past said threshold portion of said body.

Remarks

The application includes originally issued claims 1-16 and new claim 17 that is added by this amendment. Applicant believes that new Claim 17 is broader in at least one aspect than issued claims 1-16. New independent Claim 17 is similar to Claim 16 but deletes the clause "and sloping downwardly."

Applicant believes that the reissue application is in condition for immediate allowance of claims 1-17, and such action is hereby respectfully requested.

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For: **CONTINUOUS HANDICAP THRESHOLD ASSEMBLY WITH DUAL DAMS
AND SELECTIVELY POSITIONABLE SIDELIGHT CAP**

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STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES (37 CFR 1.173(c))

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(c), the status of all claims in the subject application for reissue as of the date of the accompanying preliminary amendment is as follows:

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application without any changes thereto.

Claim 17 is added to the application by way of a Preliminary Amendment concurrently filed herewith. Added Claim 17 is intended to be broader in scope than claims 1-16 with respect to at least one aspect of the invention. Specifically, new Claim 17 does not require that the interior sill "slope [] downwardly." Support for new claim 17 is found in the specification of the issued patent including at Column 7, lines 23-35, which reads as follows:

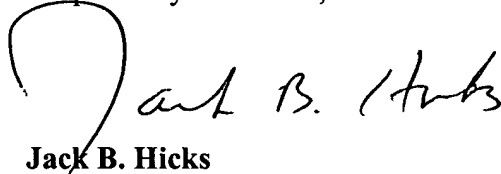
FIG. 6 illustrates an alternate embodiment of the threshold assembly of this invention wherein the sidelight cap is mounted to a handicap sill of a slightly different configuration. Here, the threshold assembly 91 includes an elongated preferably extruded aluminum body 92 having a threshold portion 93 for underlying a closed door and an exterior sill 94 that extends outwardly and slopes downwardly from the threshold portion. An interior sill 96 slopes inwardly and downwardly from the threshold portion but, unlike prior embodiments, is substantially continuous with the upper surface of the threshold

portion. A dam 97 and lip 98 are formed along the junction of the exterior sill and the threshold portion of the assembly and, together, they define a longitudinal groove extending along the junction.

As shown, the original specification is silent with regard to any requirement that the interior sill not downwardly slope.

Applicant believes that the reissue application is in condition for immediate allowance of claims 1-17, and such action is hereby respectfully requested.

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